

Arkansas State University  
Staff Senate Meeting  
August 20, 2008

The Arkansas State University Staff Senate met on Wednesday, August 20, 2008, in the Dean B. Ellis Library Board Room on the ASU-Jonesboro campus. President Rosemary Freer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. In attendance:

Natalie Ball – absent	Victor Hill – absent
Cindy Bode – present *	Peggy Hunt – absent
Sandra Bramblett – present	Jennifer Janski – present
James Brotemarkle – present	David Kenley – present *
Phareta Calkin – present *	Helen McCoy – present *
Jon Carvell – present *	Donna McMillan – present *
Kaye Childs – proxy Mia Sheppard-Taylor	Terry Merriweather – absent
Jennifer Clack – present *	Sharon Milligan – present
Diana Corder – absent	Elaine Poynter – present *
Ellena Cox – present *	Gail Rasberry – absent
Angela Daniels – present *	Jerry Sailor – present
Tammy Fowler – present *	Vicki Walker – absent
Rosemary Freer – present *	Randy West – present *
Regina Gilbert – absent	Joyette White – absent
Janet Hardin – proxy Rhonda Clifton	Randy Martin – present *

\* Still remaining at end of SGOC discussion.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the July meeting were approved. (motion from Helen McCoy, second by Elaine Poynter)

**Treasury Report:**

Treasurer Elaine Poynter gave a report on the Staff Senate account balances as of July 31, 2008. The treasurer's report was accepted without changes. Motion to file for audit from Cindy Bode, second by Randy West.

## Old Business:

### Town Hall Meeting Update:

September 24, 2008, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium

Panel Members: Dr. Robert Potts, Mr. Ed Kremers, Dr. Lynita Cooksey, Dr. Rick Stripling

If a VC for University Advancement is here by then, they will be added to the panel. Dr. Mason will not be on the panel but will be present at the meeting. Questions can be emailed to senators or Donna McMillin by September 4, 2008. Confidentiality will be kept if requested.

### Centennial Committee Update:

Official centennial dates: April 1, 2009-March 31, 2010.

KAIT-8 will do Centennial Moments every week with a one hour recap show at the end.

There will be a Jonesboro Sun issue dedicated to the centennial. All ASU faculty, staff and students will get a free copy.

100 Staff member (past and present) will be selected for recognition.

More people are needed to serve on the Staff Senate Centennial Task Force.

### Staff Handbook:

The possibility of incorporating the Shared Governance Process into our Staff Handbook was brought up. When the Shared Governance Process is approved, the issue will be brought up for a vote.

### Staff Senate Booth at Benefits Fair:

We still need someone to head up the booth. There will also need to be a separate table for the Staff Senate Stipend which will hopefully be next to the Staff Senate table for convenience.

## **New Business:**

Welcome to new Senator Angela Daniels

Review of new proposal for the Shared Governance Oversight Committee – Julie Isaacson and Mike McDaniel

Main purpose of new proposal is to combine the AGOC and IGOC into one committee which would be the SGOC. The SGOC would serve in the one entry and exit point for all shared governance issues on the ASU-J campus. They would facilitate a timely move of issues through the different constituency groups on campus and report the decisions of those groups to the Chancellor who has the authority to decide the outcome of the issues. The SGOC would also serve as gatekeepers who would decide which issues would be put through the SG system.

Issues raised during the meeting:

- Unequal representation – more faculty than staff serve.
- SGOC members getting a separate vote on issues. Since they all serve in some capacity on the SG constituency groups, their voices have already been heard. Having a second vote counted in the report would be unfair.
- Concern that a staff member could not become a SGOC Chair because of the majority of faculty SGOC members.
- Lack of staff on the SGOC Writing Committee.

Quorum was lost during the two hour discussion so a vote will be taken at a called meeting of the Staff Senate taking place August 27, 2008 at 2:00 in the Library Board Room. Randy Martin, Angela Daniels, Tammy Fowler and Jon Carvell agreed to work on a statement of position for the Staff Senate on this issue.

**Announcements and Reminders:**

Special called meeting is August 27, 2008 2:00 p.m.

Next monthly meeting is September 17, 2008 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. (motion by Cindy Bode, second by Tammy Fowler)

Submitted by Jennifer Clack, Vice President for Communications  
Substituting for Gail Rasberry, Staff Senate Secretary